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1. THE STATE COMIREX MEMBER HAS REPORTED THAT HIS USIB
 PRINCIPAL HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER USE OF BLACK SHIELD
 PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OVER NORTH KOREA IN A RECENT CURRENT
 INTELLIGENCE PUBLICATION. THE STATE COMIREX MEMBER HAS ADVISED
 US OF THE FOLLOWING CONCERN OF HIS PRINCIPAL AND REQUESTS YOUR
 COOPERATION IN TAKING THE NECESSARY ACTIONS.

Quote A. WITH THIS GOVERNMENT MAKING A STRONG CASE NOW IN THE
 UNITED NATIONS FOR THE LEGALITY FOR THE PUEBLO'S OPERATION IN
 INTERNATIONAL WATERS IT COULD WEAKEN OUR CASE IF IT BECAME
 GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AT THE UN THAT WE HAD CONDUCTED AN OVER-
 FLIGHT OVER NORTH KOREA. THUS, STATE HAD CONCURRED AT COMIREX
 IN RELEASE OF MATERIAL AT SECRET NOFORN LEVEL. THIS WAS DONE

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PRIMARYLY TO RESPOND TO THE NEED OF THE MILITARY FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING ACTIVITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE PUBLICATION EITHER OF PHOTOGRAPHS OR INTELLIGENCE DERIVED FROM THE BLACK SHIELD READOUT SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CARRIED ONLY IN FINISHED INTELLIGENCE PUBLICATIONS BEARING RESTRICTIVE DESIGNATORS [REDACTED] AND CARRY RESTRICTIVE DESIGNATORS.

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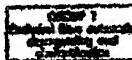
B. THE DEPARTMENT URGENTLY REQUESTS THAT YOU NOTIFY ALL MEMBERS OF COMIREX OF THE ABOVE VIEWS AND ASK THAT COMIREX MEMBERS GET IN TOUCH WITH PRODUCTION PEOPLE OF THEIR AGENCIES TO SEE THAT, EXCEPT AS NEEDED BY MILITARY PLANNERS, THE RESULTS OF THE BLACK SHIELD MISSIONS ARE CARRIED ONLY IN RESTRICTED PUBLICATIONS AND CONTINUE TO CARRY THE HIGHLY RESTRICTIVE DESIGNATORS. *Quote ended.*

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